

# Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

## June 2014 Program Schedule

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center is open:  
Tues/Thurs/Sat — 9 am to 4 pm  
Wed/Fri — 12 to 4 pm

Shelby Bottoms Greenway is open  
7 days a week from dawn to dusk.

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Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to the Nature Center at (615) 862-8539.



June Buck in Morning Mist by James Fullerton

Summer is on the way and so are the heat, ticks, chiggers, and all those “other” wonderful delights of the great outdoors. But so are the fun days of school being out, growing a garden, or going swimming! And don’t forget CAMPING! This month we have a plethora of fun summer activities to help you beat the heat and pests!

From bike rides to basket weaving; from canoe trips for Father’s Day to a campout at Cornelia Fort; we have lots of fun in store. This is also the month we welcome our summer staff. So drop in or come to a program and meet our seasonal naturalists! And lastly, be sure to check out new features of Nature Play including a new shade structure for parents thanks to Metro Beautification, Hands On Nashville, and Altria! What a wonderful Great American Cleanup volunteer work day that was!

### Little Library



Saturday, June 7  
2—4 pm

Age level: 5+ years

Registration required

This workshop, sponsored by [Turnip Green Creative Reuse](http://TurnipGreenCreativeReuse.com) and [Nashville Public Library](http://NashvillePublicLibrary.org), will be decorating a little library by covering it with reused material to create a mosaic exterior. The finished little library will then be placed in the park and filled with books for the enjoyment of park visitors.

### Friday the 13th—Scary Nature Stuff



Friday, June 13  
10—11 am

Age level: 3-5 years

Registration required

Creepy, Crawly, Screechy... wow, nature can sometimes be just plain SCARY! We will learn more about some of the things in nature that can be a bit “intimidating.” Spiders, snakes, owls and the dark will be a few of the things that we explore.  
Leader: Christie Wiser

### Stalk Like a Predator

Saturday, June 14  
10—11 am

Age level: All ages

Registration required

Come and learn about some of our fiercest predators in the state and hone in on your own predatory instincts!

Leader: Kristen Hay



### Bike Ride: Farmers’ Market to Bicentennial Mall

Saturday, June 14  
11:30am—1:30 pm

Age level: 12+ years

Registration required

Free bike rental available if needed. We will ride along various greenways and the Music City Bikeway. We will make stops for lunch at the Farmers’ Market and Bicentennial Mall State Park. Time distance from SBNC: 30 minutes  
Leader: John Michael Cassidy

### Father’s Day Canoe/Kayak Trip



Sunday, June 15  
1:00 pm  
Location: TBD  
\$25 per participant

Registration required

Join us for a staff-led paddling trip on a surrounding stream. Trips are open to all skill levels. We focus on safety, having fun, and educating participants about the activity/skills and surrounding environment.  
\$25 fee includes boat, gear and shuttle.  
Leaders: Neel Deshpande and John Michael Cassidy



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### Let's Be Archaeologists!

Friday, June 20  
10—11 am



Age level: All ages

Registration  
required

For this activity we are going to get out our digging tools. We'll go to Nature Play to find treasures buried in the ground- with good detective work we should find some bugs, maybe even bones, and some fun prizes!  
Leader: Sarah Gilmore

### Medicine Cabinet Makeover

Friday, June 20  
6—7 pm

Age level: 12+ years

Registration  
required

Join our special guests to learn how to convert your medicine cabinet with the use of pure essential oils.  
Leaders: Erica Houston and Evelyn Sanders

### Creative Writing Boot Camp for Teens



Saturday, June 21  
9:30 am—3:30 pm

\$75 fee, includes  
lunch

Age level: 13-19 yrs

Registration  
required—[www.porchtn.org/boot-camp-for-teens/](http://www.porchtn.org/boot-camp-for-teens/)

Join our guests, the Porch Writers' Collective, for their Creative Writing program for teens! As they say, "Write hard, have fun, tell your stories as only you can." They will offer inspiring exercises & prompts to get the words flowing fast. All genres welcome! A portion of the proceeds will go to the Nature Center!

### Summer Solstice Celebration

Saturday, June 21  
10 am—3 pm

Age level: All ages

No registration

It's officially summer today! Stop by the nature center anytime between 10 and 3 to enjoy some food, crafts and fun facts about the summer solstice!  
Leader: Sarah Gilmore and SBNC Staff

### Solstice Hike

Saturday, June 21  
10—11 am

Age level: All ages

Registration  
required

Begin summer by taking a quick hike in Shelby Bottoms! We will look for birds, wildflowers, wild blackberries and more!  
Leader: Christie Wiser

### Land Navigation



Friday, June 27  
1—2:30 pm

Age level: All ages

Registration  
required

We will learn to read a map, use a map & compass, and a GPS. Then we'll play games to utilize our new land navigation skills.  
Leaders: John Michael Cassidy and SBNC Staff

### Beat the Heat Bike Ride:

Saturday, June 28  
5:30—8:30 am

Age level: 15+ years

Registration  
required

Join an early morning outing on the greenways to the Percy Priest Dam and back. If you would like to join the group from another trailhead, please call the program leader. Total Distance: 22.6 miles  
Leader: John Michael Cassidy

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### Basket Weaving



Saturday, June 28  
1—2 pm

Age level: 10+ years

Registration  
required

Ever wondered how to make a basket out of natural materials? Come join us and learn some basic weaving techniques and make your own small basket.  
Leader: Kristen Hay, Seasonal Naturalist

### Great American Backyard Campout at Cornelia Fort

Saturday, June 28  
6 pm Saturday —  
Ends by 9 am on  
Sunday

Age level: All ages

Registration  
required



In honor of the Great American Backyard Campout, an annual event sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, we will be signing up campers for a fun opportunity to camp in the park overnight! We will need for everyone to register with the nature center in order to get details on this event. Once you are signed up, you can look forward to an evening of fun under the stars with nature center staff on hand to offer activities and guidance. This event will be canceled due to inclement weather.  
Leader: Christie Wiser and SBNC Staff



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